

COUNTRY

TOPIC

Belgern Target Range

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 31 March 1953

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REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - one sketch on ditto with legend

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. [redacted] the Belgern target range was located about 4.5 km southwest of Belgern, on a wooded ridge which extended from southeast to northwest. A highway extended to the Belgern forester's house and from there wood paths led up to the training field in about the same direction. A field path which did not touch the forester's house also led to the training area.

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2. Three dummy tanks painted green were set up on top of the ridge. They were about 80 meters apart. At a distance of about 80 meters from the tanks there was a concrete bunker with an antenna on top. [redacted] white-washed angular walls about 150 meters from the tanks and in the same width as the line of tanks. These angular structures probably were to mark the targets for bombing practice.

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3. A Soviet detail was quartered in a villa located southwest of the western exit of Belgern, near the field path which extended to the training field. A cross-country sedan, a radio truck and truck [redacted] were parked in the yard of the villa. There were also stored construction material, signboards, red plates, and signal flags.

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4. [redacted] the wooden dummy tanks were fired at by MiG-15s in favorable weather.

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[redacted] Comment. For sketch of target range near Belgern, see Annex. This target range is used by the air regiments stationed at Alt Loennewitz airfield. It was repeatedly mentioned in previous reports on Alt Loennewitz airfield that the aircraft stationed at this field practiced attacks at ground targets in the Belgern area. According to a previous report, the target range was located near Stehla. The present report, however, which contains more precise information, is believed to be correct.

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Annex

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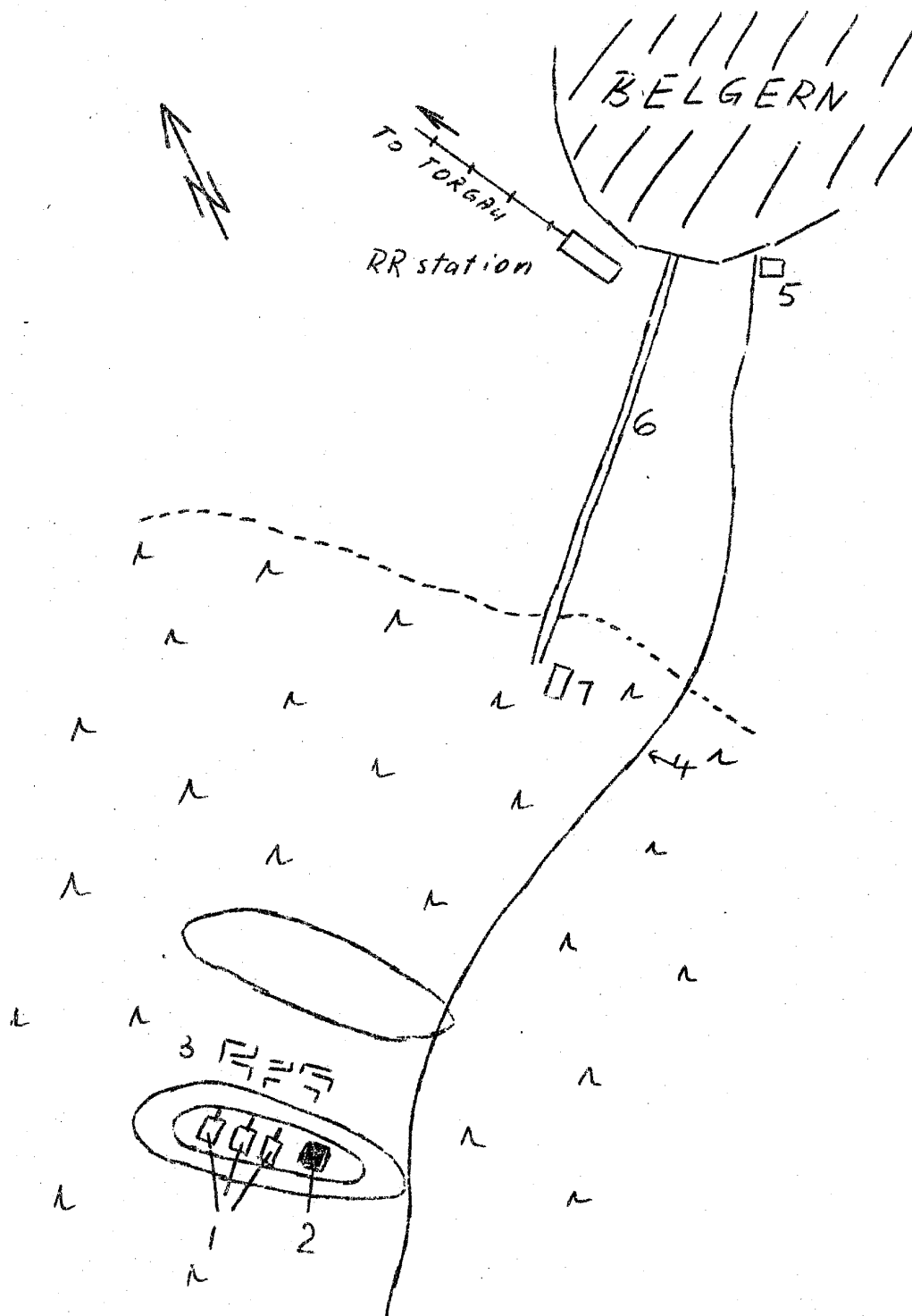
Legend:

1. Three wooden dummy tanks, about 80 meters apart
2. Concrete bunker with antenna
3. White washed walls, about 40 cm high, located in a depression about 150 meters from the tanks
4. Field path leading from Belgern to the flight training field
5. Villa occupied by detail detached to the training field
6. Road leading to forester's house
7. Belgern forester's house

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Belgern Flight Training Field



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